

REMARKS

By this amendment, the specification of this application has been amended. The paragraph entitled Cross Reference to Related Applications has been replaced by a replacement paragraph which gives a complete listing of all priority documents for the application. Applicant submits that this amendment does not add any new matter since, at the time of filing, priority was claimed to: United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/170,237, filed June 13, 2002; United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/297,997, filed August 16, 2002; and to International Patent Application PCT/US98/18639, filed September 8, 1998; all of which were incorporated by reference. In fact, International Patent Application PCT/US98/18639 also claims priority to US provisional patent application 60/058,309, filed September 9, 1997. Applicant submits that amendment of the present application to include this information does not constitute the addition of new matter since PCT/US98/18639 was incorporated by reference in entirety at the time of filing of the present application. Further, priority to 60/058,309 was properly identified in the US national stage application 09/297,997 which was based on PCT/US98/18639 (see copy of enclosed first page of 09/297,997). Applicant therefore respectfully request entry of this amendment.

The application includes claims 108-173.

Formal Matters and Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests expeditious examination and allowance of the claims.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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